

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2018

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Monday, January 8, 2018 at 5:30 pm. Members present were Leland Adams, Chad Kenney, Greg Palmer, Clarence Thomas and Tim Williamson.

Chairman Adams called the meeting to order.

The invocation was led by EMA Director Donnie Daniels followed by the pledge to the flag.

The first order of business was to elect officers.

On a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Kenney the Board re-elected Leland Adams as Chairman. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Adams the Board re-elected Clarence Thomas as Vice-Chairman. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Williamson requested the appointment of the County Attorney be postponed and the Board agreed.

The agenda was amended to add fund transfers to New Business on a motion by Commissioner Kenney, seconded by Commissioner Williamson. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Palmer requested the minutes be voted on for approval by each respective meeting.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thomas to approve the December 4, 2017 public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Williamson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer to approve the December 4, 2017 called meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Palmer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thomas to approve the December 4, 2017 work session. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Palmer felt he was singled out in statements made in the December 11th regular minutes and the December 18th called minutes, so he asked to postpone approving the minutes of these meetings until they could be rewritten. The Board agreed to postpone approving the minutes from the December 11, 2017 and December 18, 2017 meetings. Commissioner Adams reminded Commissioner Palmer that Commissioner Palmer had stated in a previous meeting that not enough of what he stated in board meetings was included in the minutes. County staff complied with Commissioner Palmer's request which resulted in the minutes having greater detail of Commissioner Palmer's statements. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to postpone voting on the December 11th and 18th minutes until they can be rewritten as summarized reversing Commissioner Palmer's earlier requests for greater detail of his comments. Commissioner Kenney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Palmer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kenney to approve the

December 14, 2017 work session. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Thomas made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kenney to approve the December 21, 2017 work session. Motion carried unanimously.

Appearing before the Board was Michelle Johnson from the Toombs-Montgomery Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Johnson informed the Board of the Chamber's plans for the upcoming year including a new web-site and taking a more active roll in the workforce development. Ms. Johnson also informed the Board of upcoming events including a ribbon cutting and open house for Meadows Health, ribbon cutting for the Onion Inn and J Leigh Hair Studio. The annual Chamber meeting will be held on Thursday, February 1st from 5:30 pm until 7:30 pm.

Under Reports, Road Superintendent Milton Fountain reported the safety meeting for December was held on December 28th and the topic was 'Superintendent Safety'. There were 10 employees at the meeting and there were no accidents reported for the month December 2017.

EMA Director Donnie Daniels reported the County can apply for a hazard mitigation grant for help for the hurricane damage. Mr. Daniels reported there have been several fires and arson is believed to be the cause. Montgomery County will host the Region 8 EMA meeting at Brewton Parker on April 11th.

The Board agreed to postpone the financial reports until the Board has a work session.

Under Old Business, Tax Commissioner Loretta Lane and Tax Appraiser Julie Adams explained the Errors and Reliefs (E&R's). These are mobile homes that are no longer on the digest due to moving, burning, demolishing etc. On a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Kenney the Board approved the Errors and Reliefs as presented by Tax Commissioner Loretta Lane. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Kenney the Board agreed to renew the Toombs-Montgomery EMS contract for 2018 with Toombs County. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Kenney the Board agreed to adopt the resolution (Res. No. 18-01-01) to finance the dozer through BankCorpSouth. Commissioners Adams, Kenney, Thomas, and Williamson voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Palmer voted against the motion. Motion carried.

On a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Kenney the Board adopted the agreement with William Sherrod to prepare remodeling plans and specs for the FSA building. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Kenney the Board agreed to adopt the 2018 Special Funds Budgets Resolution (Res. No. 18-01-02). Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Thomas the Board agreed to transfer \$99,000.00 from the E-911 Fund and \$29,000.00 from the Nutrition Fund to the General Fund effective December 29, 2017. The purpose of the transfer was to reimburse the General Fund for operating costs of the E911 Center and the Senior Center. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Commissioner Kenney, seconded by Commissioner Palmer the Board agreed to transfer \$50,000.00 from the General Fund to the Special Projects Fund. This amount was ACH deposited in the General Fund instead of the Projects Fund from the Georgia Department of Transportation. The funds were from the Georgia Department of Transportation's Safety LMIG program for safety striping on various county roads. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board agreed to have a meeting and work session on Thursday, January 18th at 6:00 pm to approve the December 11th & 18th minutes, discuss the County Attorney appointment, the FSA building, the County's web-site and social media advertising.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Kenney. Motion carried unanimously.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORKSHOP
JANUARY 18, 2018

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners held a workshop on January 18, 2018 at 6:00 pm. Members present were Leland Adams, Chad Kenney, Greg Palmer, Clarence Thomas and Tim Williamson.

Chairman Adams called the workshop to order.

Public comment and prior commissioner board project activities were added to the workshop agenda.

The first item on the workshop agenda was the remodeling of the former FSA building. William Sherrod had not completed the plans and specs resulting in no discussion.

The Public Comment Policy was reviewed and will be voted on at the February meeting.

The Board discussed scheduling monthly work sessions. The Board agreed to schedule work sessions as needed.

The Board discussed informing the public through social media. The County will not have a face book page but will update the website and post meeting notices on the website.

Commissioner Palmer inquired about the completion of the road repair at the end of Three River's Lane. This road was on the prior Board's project list. The Board agreed to have more discussion and planning before proceeding with further improvements to the road. The removal of top soil from the recreation ball field was also discussed.

County Manager Brandon Braddy informed the Board the 2018 qualifying fees must be set before February 1st.

The Board discussed the December 11th and 18 meetings minutes. These minutes should have been voted on in the January 8, 2018 regular meeting according to O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(e)(2)(B).

The Board began discussing appointing a county attorney. There are four attorneys interested in the position. As the discussion grew it was determined this should be discussed in executive session.

The workshop was adjourned at 6:58 pm.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CALLED MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2018

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners held a called meeting on January 18, 2018 at 6:58 pm. Members present were Leland Adams, Chad Kenney, Greg Palmer, Clarence Thomas and Tim Williamson.

On a motion by Commissioner Palmer, seconded by Commissioner Thomas the Board set the 2018 Qualifying Fees (Resolution No. 18-01-03). Motion carried unanimously. The fees were set as follows:

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>QUALIFYING FEE</u>
County Commissioner	\$ 128.00 (Dist. 4 & 3-Post 2)
Magistrate Judge	\$ 1,229.00
Clerk Of Court	\$ 1,229.00
Board of Education	\$ 36.00 (Dist. 4 & 3-Post 2)

The December 11th regular meeting minutes and the December 18th called meeting minutes were approved as amended on a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Williamson. Commissioners Adams, Kenney, Thomas and Williamson voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Palmer voted against the motion because he feels the minutes are bias and targeted him. Motion carried.

On a motion by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Williamson the Board went into Executive Session at 7:10 pm to discuss personnel. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Commissioner Kenney, seconded by Commissioner Williamson the Board came out of Executive Session at 7:20 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to appoint Daniel J. O'Conner as the County Attorney. Motion failed due to lack of a seconded.

Commissioner Kenney made a motion to nominate Attorney Paul Cook as County Attorney. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. The Board of Commissioners voted 3 to 2 in favor of Paul Cook being appointed County Attorney. Commissioners Kenney, Thomas, and Williamson voted in favor of the motion. Commissioners Adams and Palmer voted against the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm on a motion by Commissioner Palmer seconded by Commissioner Thomas. Motion carried unanimously.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CALLED MEETING
FEBRUARY 2, 2018

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners held a called meeting on Friday, February 2, 2018 at 11:00 am. Members present were Leland Adams, Chad Kenney, Greg Palmer and Tim Williamson. The purpose of the meeting was to approve an agreement for equipment and services with AT&T Mobility National Accounts LLC; adopt a resolution to authorize a lease purchase agreement with BandcorpSouth for two vehicles for the Sheriff's Office; and to approve the final sketch to remodel the former USDA building and authorize a request for bids.

Chairman Adams called the meeting to order.

On a motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Kenney the Board agreed to change the County's cell phone service from Verizon to AT&T Mobility. This will save the county about \$1,100.00 annually. Commissioners Adams, Kenney and Williamson voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Palmer voted against the motion because he wanted more information. Motion carried.

On a motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Kenney the Board agreed to adopt the resolution (Res. No. 18-02-01) authorizing a lease purchase agreement with BankcorpSouth Equipment Finance for a Dodge Charger and a Ford Pickup F150 for the Sheriff's Office. BankcorpSouth's finance rate was 3.34% and BB&T's quote was 4.2%. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the final sketch for the remodeling of the former USDA / NRS office building. After making some changes the Board agreed to authorize a request for sealed bids for the remodeling on a motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Palmer. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Adams declared the meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.